

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action of April 4, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated September 25, 2007. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Interview Summary

A telephone interview was conducted with the Examiner on October 2, 2007. In response to inquiry by Applicants' representative regarding the amendments submitted September 4, 2007, the Examiner stated that all the amendments of claims 1-12 and new claims 13-20 will not be entered, while the Examiner still holds that claims 6-12 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Status of the Claims

As outlined above, claims 6-12 stand for consideration in this application, wherein claims 1-5 are being canceled, while claims 6-8 and 11 are being amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for holding that claims 6-12 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6-8 and 11 are being amended so as to be in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, allowance of claims 6-8, 11 and their dependent claims 9-10 and 12 are respectfully requested.

Applicant, however, will point out that the reasons for allowability of the above referenced claims are not limited to the reasons for allowance as set forth in the Office Action.

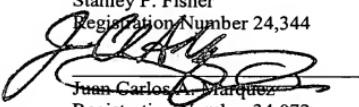
Conclusion

In light of the Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable action with regard to the present application, and a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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